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The proposed settlement is ridiculous. I'm a Computer Science professor, and continued advancement of this field as a science requires that anyone with a good idea be able to have access to the market and get investors to support it.

Microsoft's behaviour, which was found illegal (a finding which was upheld by the appeals court), has already had a significant quelling effect on those with new ideas trying to begin new companies and advance the state of the art. As proposed, the settlement will contribute nothing toward opening up the computer business further and allowing new and smaller companies to get the oxygen they need to live.

Those at Microsoft have clearly decided that they do not care about the advancement of computing as a science, or advancement of the computing industry, so long as their own profits remain in place. They would rather rule in Hell than serve in Heaven. Please do not cave in, and allow their vision of only one operating system, controlled by only one company, to stifle the computing field.

One hundred years ago, London was the most important financial center on earth. Now it is New York. If Microsoft has their way, twenty years from now it will be Tokyo. Don't make the judgment which lets that happen.

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